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1. PROBLEM OF AEROPERU OPERATING PERMIT SUBJECT OF EDITORIAL COMMENT IN CONSERVATIVE PRESS ON JUNE 21. "LA PRENSA" COMMENTED THAT THE TWO CONDITIONS TO THE PERMIT TO WHICH AEROPERU OBJECTS HAD CAUSED "JUSTIFIABLE WONDERMENT" ("EXTRANEZA"), AND EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT U.S. WOULD SEEK TO PREVENT AEROPERU FROM OPERATING SERVICES TO AND FROM MIAMI FROM POINTS BEYOND LIMA. HOWEVER, "LA PRENSA" CONTINUED, IT WAS SURE THAT AEROPERU'S EFFORTS TO HAVE THE CONDITIONS REMOVED WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL, NOT ONLY BECAUSE THE REQUEST WAS REASONABLE BUT BECAUSE OF THE CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. "EL COMERCIO" EDITORIAL DISCUSSED THE CONDITION IN A SIMILAR VEIN AND COMMENTED IT WAS CERTAIN AEROPERU'S APPEAL WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE ON THE ONE HAND THE CONDITIONS RESPONDED TO NO COMMERCIAL NEED AND ON THE OTHER WERE DAMAGING TO AEROPERU.

2. LEFTIST, GOVERNMENT-LINING PRESS ("EXPRESO" AND "NUEVA CRONICA") HAD NO EDITORIALS, BUT CARRIED IN SOME
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DETAIL TRANSPORT MINISTER MENESES' STATEMENT THAT AMBASSADOR WOULD MEET WITH HIM MORNING OF JUNE 21. MENESES

WAS QUOTED BY "EXPRESO" AS SAYING HE WAS CONFIDENT THE CONVERSATIONS WOULD BE POSITIVE AND WOULD AID IN OVERCOMING THE MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH HAD ARISEN DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS. "I THINK THERE ARE SITUATIONS THAT MUST BE CLARIFIED, AND I DON'T BELIEVE THERE WILL BE MAJOR OBSTACLES TO AEROPERU'S FLYING FOREIGN SKIES, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES."

3. IN OTHER PRESS COVERAGE, INDEPENDENT "OJO" CARRIED FACTUAL STORY JUNE 20 ON STEPS AEROPERU IS TAKING NOT ONLY TO SEEK REMOVAL OF CONDITIONS BUT ALSO TO PREPARE FOR INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS. NORMALLY ACCURATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ECONOMIC WEEKLY "PERUVIAN TIMES" CARRIED MISLEADING STORY ON GENERAL SUBJECT OF FOREIGN CARRIER OPERATING PERMITS AND GOP EFFORTS IMPOSE SURCHARGE ON THEIR OPERATIONS.

4. EMBASSY PREPARED ORAL STATEMENT JUNE 21 IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO PRESS QUERIES. STATEMENT WAS QUOTED (CORRECTLY) BY "EL COMERCIAO" ON JUNE 22 AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

PROBLEMA DE AERO-PERU COMENTA EMBAJADA EE.UU.

"ESTAMOS SEGUROS QUE LOS PROBLEMAS QUE HAN SURGIDO EN RELACION A LA SOLICITUD DE AERO-PERU PARA REALIZAR VUELOS A LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS SE RESOLVERAN", DECLARO AYER UN PROTAVOZ DE LA EMBAJADA NORTEAMERICANA EN NUESTRO PAIS.

ANADIO QUE ACTUALMENTE SE MARTIENE CONTINUO CONTACTO CON EL GOBERNO DEL PERU Y QUE EL INTERCAMBIO DE PUNTOS SE VISTA HA SIDO "CORDIAL Y UTIL".

PRECISO IGUALMENTE" "INTENTAREMOS HAVER TODO LO QUE ESTE A NUESTRO ALCANCE PARA QUE LA SOLICITUD DE AERO-PERU SEA CONSIDERADO DENTRO DE LOS LINAMIENTOS DEL ACUERDO SOBRE TRANSPORTE AEREO SUSCRITO POR NUESTRON DOS PAISES Y CONSIDERANDO PLENAMENTE NUESTROS DERECHOS
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RECIPROCOS."

"VEMOS CON SIMPATIA LA INAUGURACION DE VUELOS DE AERO-PERU AMIAMI Y HAREMOS LO POSIBLE PARA AYUDAR A QUE SU SERVICIO INTERNACIONAL SE INAUGURE EL 28 DE JULIO", FINALIZO DICIENDO EL PORTAVOZ DE LA EMBAJADA DE ESTADOS UNIDOS EN LIMA. END QUOTES

STATEMENT WAC CARRIED BY NO OTHER LIMA PAPERS, BUT USIS RESPONDED IN SIMILAR FASHION TO QUERIES FROM UPI, REUTERS AND

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